



## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

|                                                                                                 |             |                      |                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| APPLICATION NO.                                                                                 | FILING DATE | FIRST NAMED INVENTOR | ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. | CONFIRMATION NO. |
| 10/780,362                                                                                      | 02/17/2004  | Theodore F. Rabenko  | 2875.0800004        | 1857             |
| 26111                                                                                           | 7590        | 02/09/2007           |                     |                  |
| STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.<br>1100 NEW YORK AVENUE, N.W.<br>WASHINGTON, DC 20005 |             |                      | EXAMINER            |                  |
|                                                                                                 |             |                      | NGUYEN, BINH QUOC   |                  |
|                                                                                                 |             |                      | ART UNIT            | PAPER NUMBER     |
|                                                                                                 |             |                      | 2664                |                  |
|                                                                                                 |             |                      | MAIL DATE           | DELIVERY MODE    |
|                                                                                                 |             |                      | 02/09/2007          | PAPER            |

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

|                                           |                               |                  |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Response to Rule 312 Communication</b> | Application No.               | Applicant(s)     |
|                                           | 10/780,362                    | RABENKO ET AL.   |
|                                           | Examiner<br>Nguyen, Binh Quoc | Art Unit<br>2664 |

*-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --*

1.  The amendment filed on 30 January 2006 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- a)  entered.
- b)  entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention.
- c)  disapproved because the amendment was filed after the payment of the issue fee.  
Any amendment filed after the date the issue fee is paid must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(1) and the required fee to withdraw the application from issue.
- d)  disapproved. See explanation below.
- e)  entered in part. See explanation below.

A. Marty Willis

Publishing Division